

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 21, 2008. Claims 1-15, 17-22, 24-42, 44-48, 50-56, 58, 59, and 61-63 are pending in the application, wherein, claims 1-15, 17-22, 24-42, 44-48, 50, 53-56, 58, 59 and 61-63 stand rejected and claims 51 and 52 are objected to. Claims 1-15, 17-22, 24-42, 44-48, 50, 53-56, 58, 59 and 61-63 have been cancelled and claims 51 and 52 have been amended. The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action.

Objections

The drawings are objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132 because the Examiner asserts they introduce new matter into the disclosure. Specifically, Figure 5 is objected to as showing new matter of a braid (210) that is spaced free from the inner and outer liners, and Figure 6 is objected to as showing new matter of a coil (216) that is established in contact with an inner liner, but free from the outer liner. The drawings have been amended such that the braid and coil of Figure 5 and 6, respectively, are shown in contact with the inner and outer liners. With this amendment, Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added to the disclosure with the addition of Figures 5 and 6 and the accompanying description in the specification. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully anticipated.

Claim Objections

Claims 51 and 52 were objected to, but were indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claims 51 and 52 have been amended to including all the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims, and thus Applicants assert that these claims are allowable.

Conclusion

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

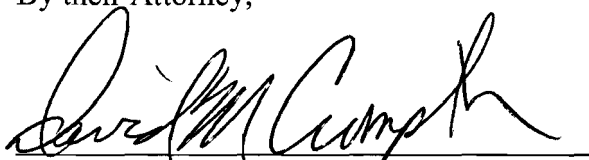
Respectfully submitted,

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